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***Please note that we have updated the URL in the information sent yesterday (see below), which highlights our ongoing work to reduce excess nutrients. This link has also been updated in the attachment listing our next steps in engagement. Please share this with your stakeholders.

Colleagues -

Administrator Wheeler, Acting RA Mary Walker and I will attend a roundtable this afternoon with the Georgia Farm Bureau. As part of this event we will announce the transmittal of a memo from myself to the Regional Administrators that restates EPA's strong support for water quality trading and other market-based programs, aims to accelerate the adoption of these programs by providing guidance to states and stakeholders and promotes increased investment in conservation actions.

Many of you have spoken with Anna Wildeman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, about this effort, and how we can work together to leverage the great work going on, not just at the regional level, but also at the state, tribal and community levels.

I ask that you share this memo with states, tribes and other interested stakeholders, so that we can move forward with this work and get one step closer to achieving our goal of improving water quality throughout the nation. Additionally, we will host a public webinar to describe the opportunities presented in the memo. Information on that event will be provided at https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/collaborative-approaches-reducing-excess-nutrients. We look forward to working with your regional point of contact on water quality trading. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Anna Wildeman directly at wildeman.anna@epa.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of the Office of Water.

Sincerely, David Ross